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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached replacement drawing sheet make changes to Figs. 1 and 2, and replaces the original sheet with Figs. 1 and 2.

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Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated May 16, 2006. Reconsideration and further examination of claims 1, 4, 5, and 8 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 5 and 8 are amended. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter previously recited in dependent claims 2 and 3. Claim 5 is amended to incorporate the subject matter previously recited in dependent claims 6 and 7. Claim 8 is amended to incorporate the subject matter previously recited in dependent claims 9 and 10. Thus, claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9 and 10 are cancelled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein, that subject matter having been incorporated into independent claims 1, 5 and 8, respectively. Claim 4 is amended to change its dependency as necessitated by the amendment to claim 1 and the corresponding cancellation of claims 2 and 3.

Objection to the Drawings

In section 1 on page 2, the Office Action objects to the drawings. A drawing correction is submitted herewith adding descriptive text labels to the rectangular boxes shown in Figs. 1 and 2. It is respectfully submitted that the drawings comply with all applicable rules. For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings in section 1 on page 2 of the Office Action be withdrawn.

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In section 3, on pages 3-4, the Office Action rejects claims 1-3 and 5-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Hayashi (U.S. Pat. No. 6,236,632). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9 and 10 are cancelled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein, that subject matter having been incorporated into independent claims 1, 5 and 8, respectively. Claims 1, 5 and 8 recite, "at least one capacitor located between both converters." With respect to the above-quoted subject matter, previously recited in claims 3, 7 and 10, the Office Action relies on the capacitor shown in Fig. 6 of Hayashi as part of the low pass filter 30. However, the capacitor shown as part of the low pass filter 30 in Fig. 6 of Hayashi is not located between converters. Rather, the capacitor depicted as part of the low pass filter 30 in Fig. 6 of Hayashi is a capacitor going to ground.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Hayashi fails to disclose, teach or suggest all of the subject matter recited in pending claims 1, 5 and 8.

Claim 4 is allowable based on at least on its dependence from claim 1 for the reasons stated above in connection with the rejection of claim 1.

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Further, in section 4 on page 4 of the Office Action, claim 4 is indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The subject matter recited in claim 4 as previously examined remains unchanged. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that for at least these additional reasons claim 4 should be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the correspondence attorney listed below in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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